



Ever wonder how you were going to pay for college, or who can afford to go to college? This fact sheet will answer those questions and direct you to the right places for more information.

**College is affordable and available to YOU!**

*"Before you can make a dream come true. You must first have one." Ronald E. McNair Ph.D., 2<sup>nd</sup> African American Astronaut*

- ✓ All students must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Students can access online at <http://www.fafsa.org> or <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID. The deadline for the application is February 15<sup>th</sup>. In order to receive loan money, the Pell grant for low-income students or other aid, the student **MUST** complete the FAFSA.
- ✓ The **Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)** helps pay for tuition and fees. Contact the office for eligibility requirements at 1-877-FA-FACTS.
- ✓ **Educational Training Vouchers** offer up to \$5,000 towards school-related costs and living fees. It is for youth that were in foster care after the age of 14. Contact the foster care program office for eligibility requirements at (517)-241-8904.
- ✓ **Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver** pays tuition for students who are at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  American Indian. Youth apply directly to the financial aid office. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan approves this award. Contact Paul Cloutier at (517) 335-7782.
- ✓ **Casey Family Scholars Program** provides scholarships of up to \$10,000 for young people who spent at least 12 months in foster care and were not subsequently adopted. Check the OFA Web site at [www.orphan.org/programs/casey.html](http://www.orphan.org/programs/casey.html).
- ✓ **The University of Michigan** offers a **child care subsidy program** to students with dependent children. Contact the office of financial aid for eligibility information and application materials: (734)-763-6600.
- ✓ **Michigan State University in East Lansing** has a scholarship program, currently offering one scholarship per year, for youth exiting foster care. Contact Dr. Gary Anderson at 335-7515 or by email at [gary.anderson@ssc.msu.edu](mailto:gary.anderson@ssc.msu.edu).
- ✓ **Ferris State University in Big Rapids** offers services to youth through the local FIA office to those interested or attending Ferris State University.
- ✓ The **Children's Benefit Fund** provides educational supports that include the purchase of computers. Contact Bruce Hoffman, Acting MCI Superintendent at (517) 335-6152.
- ✓ **Youth in Transition (YIT)** is another funding source that can provide educational supports. If the youth still has unmet needs, the YIT fund source is available until the youth turns 21 years old. Please apply at your local FIA office.

#### **Other Websites to check out:**

<a href="http://www.orphan.org">http://www.orphan.org</a>	<a href="http://kidsource.com/NFPA/index.html">http://kidsource.com/NFPA/index.html</a>	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">http://www.fastweb.com</a>
<a href="http://www.nfpainc.org/scholarship.html">http://www.nfpainc.org/scholarship.html</a>	<a href="http://www.casey.org/cnc/support_retention/scholarships.htm">http://www.casey.org/cnc/support_retention/scholarships.htm</a>	
<a href="http://www.wiredscholar.com/index.jsp">http://www.wiredscholar.com/index.jsp</a>	<a href="http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp">http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp</a>	
<a href="http://www.srnexpress.com/index.cfm">http://www.srnexpress.com/index.cfm</a>	<a href="http://www.maeo.org">http://www.maeo.org</a>	<a href="http://www.fastaid.com">http://www.fastaid.com</a>



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
FIA Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

In order to be approved for Education Training Vouchers (ETV) to help fund my post-secondary educational endeavors, I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) agree to the following conditions. **Please initial beside each commitment:**

- \_\_\_\_ To complete and submit all necessary documentation according to the ETV application requirements.
- \_\_\_\_ To maintain full-time or part-time status at my post-secondary institution.
- \_\_\_\_ To maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. or the equivalent of passing grades.
- \_\_\_\_ To meet the terms of this student education agreement.
- \_\_\_\_ To meet the goals, listed below, of this Student Education Agreement.
- \_\_\_\_ To provide receipts for the full amount of money awarded to the ETV Coordinator

In the space provided identify long-term educational and career goals. Include any extracurricular activities that will help attain these goals:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

If the above conditions are met, I may receive up to \$5,000.00 annually from the State of Michigan's Education Training Voucher Funds to support my documented need for post-secondary educational endeavors (this may include assistance with tuition, room and board, and personal miscellaneous expenses).

By signing below I agree that I have been involved in the development of the student education agreement plan and accept responsibility for this plan. I understand that I must meet the above conditions, or I will not receive the education training voucher funds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
YOUTH

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIA WORKER (if open case/not required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE



School: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of school or program you are attending)

RE: Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print your student ID)

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print your Social Security Number)

I have completed the FAFSA :    \_\_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_\_ No (please check one)

**To the Financial Aid Office:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) have applied for State funding towards my school costs. In order to receive this funding, the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program staff at the Michigan Family Independence Agency may need access to my financial aid information. If requested, I authorize you to send a copy of my Financial Aid Award letter to the Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program. I further authorize you to release information regarding my financial status to the Michigan ETV Program via US Mail, telephone or fax.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

*Please circle one of the following:*

I am a    full time student (\_\_\_\_ credits)    part time student (\_\_\_\_ credits)

*Michigan Family Independence Agency – Children’s Services - Grand Tower Building – 235 S. Grand Ave. – Suite 510- P.O. Box 30037 – Lansing, MI 48909 – Phone: (517) 241-8904 – Fax: (517) 241-7047*



## Basic Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY of Foster Care Case \_\_\_\_\_ CASE# \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

CASE WORKER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU BECOME AWARE OF THIS PROGRAM? *(please circle the one that applies)*

FIA Caseworker    Non-FIA Caseworker    School Counselor    Foster Parent    College/University/Vocational Program

## School Information

SCHOOL/PROGRAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN SCHOOL/PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City, State and Zip Code)

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Total ETV Amount Requested (Up to \$5000):

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please list budget on the following provided page)*

## Youth Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to meet the terms and conditions of the Educational Training Voucher Program and will work toward successfully completing the course work at the school listed above. I have read the policy and eligibility requirements for the Educational and Training Voucher Program funds.

**Youth's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIA Staff Person's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## FIA Staff Agreement

I have read and support the above youth's educational plan. I will assist \_\_\_\_\_ in his/her plans to pursue his/her post-secondary educational opportunities at the above named institution by processing requests for assistance in a timely manner.

**Staff Person's Name (not required):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



Please identify the school-related costs this award will meet from **Fall Term 2004 through September 2005**. The following is a suggested list but not inclusive, so please identify the areas specific to YOUR needs. Make sure that if you are asking for \$5,000, then the total below should add up to \$5,000. Finally, you must **provide documentation for the expenses** (lease for rent, gas receipts, grocery receipts, book receipts, etc.)

**Tuition for 1 year** (not covered by grants, Pell, Tip, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Loans** \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing:** \_\_\_\_\_  
How much per month      X      12 months      =      Total Housing Costs

**Food:** \_\_\_\_\_  
How much per month      X      12 months      =      Total Food Costs

**Books (1 year):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials/Supplies/Computer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
How much per month      X      12 months      =      Total Transportation Costs

**Daycare Expenses:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(not covered by FIA)      How much per month      X      12 months      =      Total Daycare Costs

**Other, please list:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_



**Please turn in the following documents in order for the application to be processed:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ____ Education Training Voucher Application                                | ____ ETV Student Education Agreement  |
| ____ ETV Budget Form   | ____ ETV Financial Aid Release Form   |
| ____ Copy of high school diploma or GED                                    | ____ Copy of class schedule/enrollment  |
| ____ Copy of college/trade school Grade Point<br>Grade Point Average (GPA) | ____ Copy of financial aid package (financial<br>aid received and financial need) |
| ____ Copy of cost of tuition   |   |

**If the Educational Training Voucher will be used for other expenses also provide documentation to support need. For example but not limited to:**

- \_\_\_\_ Rent/housing: copy of lease agreement
- \_\_\_\_ Computer: copy of print out of computer you plan to purchase
- \_\_\_\_ Transportation expense: copy of payment stubs and car insurance
- \_\_\_\_ Daycare: written documentation of FIA denial through FIP program and written statement from daycare provider

**An *accredited* school means:**

- \_\_\_\_ The school is legally authorized within the State to provide a program of education beyond secondary education; **AND**
- \_\_\_\_ The school is a public, private or other nonprofit institution; **AND**
- \_\_\_\_ A nationally recognized accrediting agency or association accredits the school **AND**
- \_\_\_\_ The school provides an educational program where the institution awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, **OR**
- The school provides an educational training program to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation;

**If you have any questions:**

- Call your county FIA office and ask to set up an appointment with a foster care worker, or
- Call the ETV Coordinator at (517) 241-8904

**Completed applications with documentation can be faxed or mailed to:**

Michigan Family Independence Agency  
Children's Services  
235 S. Grand Ave, Suite 510  
PO Box 30037  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Phone: (517) 241-8904 Fax: (517) 241-7047